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NO. 70482

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DECLARATION RE ATCC DEPOSIT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned attorney certifies that the following
microorganisms are on deposit with the American Type Culture
Collection:

- a) *Rhizopus oryzae* NRRL 1427, now assigned PTA-3670;
- b) *Rhizopus oryzae* NRRL 1891, now assigned PTA-3671;
- c) *Rhizopus oryzae* ATCC 4858, now assigned PTA-3627;
- d) *Aspergillus oryzae* ATCC 14156, now assigned PTA-3628; and
- e) *Rhizopus oryzae* ATCC 9363, now assigned PTA-3629.

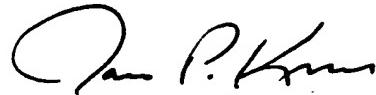
As indicated in the attached copies of the deposit forms,
and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.808 and MPEP 2404, the above-
identified microorganisms will be irrevocably and without

restriction or condition released to the public upon issuance of a patent on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By:



James P. Krueger

Registration No. 35,234

OCT 03 2001
Date:

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Fungi, Rhizopus oryzae ATCC No. 4858

2. Strain designation (i.e., number, symbols, etc.) ATCC No. 4858

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3. Is this an original deposit under the Budapest Treaty? YES

4. Is this a request for a conversion of a deposit already at ATCC to meet the requirements of the Budapest Treaty? If so please indicate ATCC designation. YES ATCC No. 4858

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6. Provide details necessary to cultivate, test for viability, and store deposit. If mixture, provide description of components and a method to check presence. If plasmid, provide name of host and antibiotic resistance.

SAME AS ATCC 4858

7. Provide sufficient description so that ATCC may confirm deposit properties (e.g., Gram negative rod).

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N/A

- b. If deposit is hybridoma, what is the isotype of antibody produced? N/A

8. Is this strain hazardous to humans? NO Animals? NO Plants? NO. If yes, what is the recommended biosafety level for working with this strain? _____ (Refer to Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 4th ed. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services at www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl4/bmbl4toc.htm).

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Fungi, Aspergillus oryzae ATCC No. 14156

2. Strain designation (i.e., number, symbols, etc.) ATCC No. 14156

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SAME AS ATCC 14156

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N/A

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Fungi; Rhizopus Oryzae ATCC No. 9363

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Same as ATCC 9363

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Fungi, Rhizopus oryzae NRRL 1472

2. Strain designation (i.e., number, symbols, etc.) NRRL 1472

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FUNGI, Rhizopus oryzae NRRL 1891

2. Strain designation (i.e., number, symbols, etc.) NRRL 1891

The strain designation must correspond with the vial labels.

3. Is this an original deposit under the Budapest Treaty? YES

4. Is this a request for a conversion of a deposit already at ATCC to meet the requirements of the Budapest Treaty? If so please indicate ATCC designation. NO, DEPOSITS AT ARS

5. Is this deposit a mixture of microorganisms or cells? NO

Provide details necessary to cultivate, test for viability, and store deposit. If mixture, provide description of components and a method to check presence. If plasmid, provide name of host and antibiotic resistance.

SAME AS NRRL 1891

7. Provide sufficient description so that ATCC may confirm deposit properties (e.g., Gram negative rod).

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- a. If deposit is a cell culture, is it being cultured in the presence of antibiotics? If so, please list the antibiotics.

N/A

- b. If deposit is hybridoma, what is the isotype of antibody produced? N/A

8. Is this strain hazardous to humans? NO Animals? NO Plants? NO. If yes, what is the recommended biosafety level for working with this strain? _____ (Refer to Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 4th ed. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services at www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl4/bmbl4toc.htm).

9. Availability: Prior to the issuance of a U.S. Patent, ATCC will only make a culture available as instructed by the depositor or relevant patent office. Samples must be provided to a specific investigator if a pertinent patent office under the Budapest Treaty instructs ATCC to do so. The following questions must be answered:

- a) As of date of deposit or conversion to meet the requirements of the Budapest Treaty, do you wish the deposit to be made available to anyone who requests a culture? If yes there are no restrictions on distribution. Answering no will ensure the deposit is not available until the patent has issued. Yes _____ No X

- b) As of date of deposit or conversion to meet the requirements of the Budapest Treaty, do you wish the deposit to be made available to requestors which satisfy patent offices in countries not signatory to the Budapest Treaty? Yes _____ No X
If yes state which countries.

Please note that if you are converting your deposit to meet the requirements of the Budapest Treaty and your deposit has already been released for distribution due to the issuance of a U.S. patent you cannot restrict it from further distribution.

After a U.S. patent issues and we are so notified, ATCC makes the culture available to anyone who requests it, as allowed under USPTO Rules and Regulations (37 CFR 1.808 (a)(2)).

10. ATCC will notify you of your ATCC number after confirmation of viability testing is complete.

Name of individual to notify: JAMES P. KRUEGER

Fax: 312-577-7007

Phone: 312-577-7000

E-mail: jpkrae@fitch.com

11. Payment by check, or credit card (Mastercard, VISA or American Express), must accompany the deposit unless prior arrangements for billing have been made and approved. ATCC accepts Purchase Orders in the correct amount:

Purchase Order No. _____

Check No. _____

Credit Card number. Please indicate MasterCard, VISA, or AE. _____

Exp. Date: _____

Name shown on card: _____

(Please type or print clearly.)

Signature of card holder

PAYMENT: ATCC MUST HAVE A BILLING ADDRESS, CONTACT PERSON, PHONE AND FAX NUMBER FOR ALL DEPOSITS:

JAMES P. KRUEGER

FITCH EVEN TABANIAN FLANNERY - Suite 1600

120 S LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60603

Phone: 312-577-7000 Fax: 312-577-7007

12. Name, address, telephone and facsimile number of your attorney of record.

JAMES KRUEGER, Fitch Even Tabanian Flannery, Suite 1600, 120 S LaSalle St.
Chicago IL 60603 (Ref. Docket or Case No. 70482)

13. MUST BE COMPLETED. Deposited on behalf of: (Verify with your management who owns the deposit. The owner is usually a company or institute and not an individual.) Cargill Inc.

I understand and agree that the deposit may not be withdrawn by me for a period specified in Rule 9.1 of the Budapest Treaty (at least 30 years after the date of deposit or 5 years after the date of the most recent request for the deposit, whichever is longer), and that if a culture should die or be destroyed during the life of the patent or the period of time so specified, it is my responsibility to replace it with a living culture of the same organism or cell. In the cases of viruses, cell cultures, plasmids, embryos, and seeds, it is my responsibility to supply a sufficient quantity for distribution for the period of time specified above.

JAMES P. KRUEGER

J. P. Krueger

8/27/01

Typed Name

Signature

Date

Address: 120 S LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60603

Phone: 312-577-7000 Fax: 312-577-7007 E-mail: jpkrae@fitch.com

ADDRESS SHIPMENTS AND FORM TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Patent Depository
American Type Culture Collection
10801 University Blvd.
Manassas, VA 20110-2209 U.S.A.

STORAGE: Cultures are stored for 30 years from date of deposit or 5 years after the last request for a sample, whichever is longer, as required under the rules of patent offices in most countries.

FEES: For current fees, check our Web site at www.atcc.org, request a fee sheet by e-mail to applied-sci@atcc.org, or call (703) 365-2700 ext. 320. All fees are subject to change.

ATCC USE ONLY: ATCC DESIGNATION _____ REC'D _____ V.T. RESULT _____

Name of Deposit _____ Strain Designation: _____